

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pentecost 8, July 26th, 2020 Welcome!

GRACE ~ "I am not ashamed of the gospel..."



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

GRACE ~ *These are written that you may believe...*"



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God's Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the WELS.





Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God's grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Pt. 3:1

Invocation

- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: CW 224 (1): God himself is present --Let us now adore him And with awe appear before him. God is in his temple --All within keep silence, Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence. He alone On his throne Is our God and Savior; Praise his name forever!

Confession

- M: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. (Psalm 139:1)
- C: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. (*Psalm* 139:2)
- M: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. (*Psalm* 139:3)
- C: Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. (Psalm 139:4)
- M: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. (*Psalm* 139:5-6)
- C: CW 224 (2)

God himself is present --Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne surrounding. "Holy, holy, holy" --Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending. Bow your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That your Church now raises.

- C: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? (*Psalm 139:7*)
- M: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. (*Psalm* 139:8)
- C: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. (*Psalm 139:24*)
- M: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (*Psalm* 139:24)

C: CW 224 (2)

Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in your merit. Like the holy angels, Worshiping before you, May I ceaselessly adore you. Let your will Ever still Rule your church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

Absolution

M: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (*Psalm 103:8-12*)

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN:

CW #368 (1) O Savior, Precious Savior

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love, O name of might and favor, All other names above, We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.

Prayer Of The Day

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians marching after them. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you took us to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Wasn't this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone. Let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm, and see the salvation from the LORD, which he will perform for you today. For the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you. You must wait quietly."

HYMN:

CW #368 (2) O Savior, Precious Savior

O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought, Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought, We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee and confess thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

SECOND LESSON

⁴² As Paul and Barnabas were leaving, the people kept begging them to speak again on this same subject on the next Sabbath. ⁴³ When the meeting of the synagogue had been dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.⁴⁴ On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of God. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with envy and began to contradict what Paul was saying by slandering him. ⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas responded fearlessly, "It was necessary that God's word be spoken to you first. But since you reject it and consider yourselves unworthy of eternal life, look: We are now turning to the Gentiles! ⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has instructed us: I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the end of the earth." ⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were rejoicing and praising the word of the Lord. All who had been appointed for eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was being carried through the whole region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their district. ⁵¹ So they shook the dust off their feet against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² The disciples continued to be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Exodus 14:10-14

Acts 13:42-52

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Dayapproaching.

HYMN:

CW #368 (3) O Savior, Precious Savior

In thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine; The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine. We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee and confess thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

Please Rise For The Holy Gospel

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-9

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!"

⁸ They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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CW #368 (4) O Savior, Precious Savior

Oh, grant the consummation, Of this our song above In endless adoration And everlasting love! Then shall we praise and bless thee, Where perfect praises ring And evermore confess thee, Our Savior and our King.

SERMON

HYMN

You Are My Hiding Place

Matthew 28:1-9

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN:

CW #321 (1,4): Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise. Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease, Then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife. Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.



HYMN:

